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## OUR DEDICATION.

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We give below a number of extracts from our church papers giving accounts of our dedication. We prefer to give the readers of the VISITOR the benefit of what our friends have to say about the new church, and our dedicatory services rather than to tell these things ourselves. We only wish to say, that we are glad the church is completed, and we fully appreciate the congratulations we received and the words of encouragement that were spoken. The addresses and the singing of the day were all of the very best and were appreciated by the people. We are under very special obligations to the Haydn and Linden quartettes and many other singers for their valuable services and most of all, to our friends for their liberal offerings and pledges.

## CHURCH DEDICATION.

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Sabbath, April 21st, 1895, will be a memorable day in the annals of Grace Reformed Church, Fort Wayne, Ind. The new church building which has been in process of erection during the past year, and which has engaged the earnest thought and prayer of the people for the past twelve years, was then completed, and set apart by suitable ceremonies and services to the worship of God. After a number of addresses by Rev. L. B. Clayton, of Pulaski, O., and other visiting ministers, to the Sunday-school,

assembled in the chapel where the congregation has worshiped for some years past, the people assembled in the church proper.

The main services began in the new auditorium with an invocation by the pastor, Rev. A. K. Zartman, after which the dedicatory sermon was delivered by the writer. The Revs. Drs. W. A. Hale, of Dayton, and D. S. Fouse, Superintendent of Missions, and Rev. C. M. Schaaf, of Louisville, Ky., made suitable addresses, after which offerings were received from members and friends of the congregation in attendance. The prayer was offered by the venerable Rev. J. P. Lloyd, D. D., of the Presbyterian Church. An afternoon service was also held, at which several pastors of other denominations in Fort Wayne, made suitable addresses. In the evening, also, a large audience was present when Dr. Hale, Rev. C. M. Schaaf and Dr. Moffat of the First Presbyterian Church made addresses. The offerings received at the three services amounted to upwards of \$2,400. The total cost of the beautiful edifice was \$15,000, while only \$5,000 is unprovided for. The auditorium will seat upwards of 600 persons; is elegantly frescoed in light golden tints; the stained glass is tastefully selected and harmonizes admirably with the fresco, the rich oak pews, panels, and other furniture. The Reformed Church should appreciate the work of Pastor Zartman in Fort Wayne. He has steadfastly

pursued his mission there amid discouragements until now, after so many years of hard service he presents to the denomination this fine church edifice.—*The Christian World*.

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"UNTO THE LORD."

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**The Auditorium of Grace Reformed Church  
Fort Wayne, Ind., Dedicated.**

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The new temple of worship was dedicated with impressive and interesting services on Sunday, April 21st, 1895, and the occasion will ever be remembered. It was the beginning of a new era in the history of the congregation, which was organized less than twelve years ago, and now enters a new period of prosperity in spiritual and material growth.

The congregation was organized May 13th, 1883, with less than two score of members. They worshiped at first in a little Jewish synagogue, and later in a hall. The membership grew rapidly so that within a year they had begun preparations for a building of their own.

The lot where the church and parsonage are located was purchased June 13th, 1883, costing \$4,000. The lecture rooms were erected in the summer of 1884, at a cost of nearly \$4,000. The parsonage on the east part of the lot was built in the summer of 1889, at a cost of \$2,125, and is as handsome as any residence in that part of the city.

In 1888, the present pastor, Rev. A. K. Zartman, was called to take charge of the pastorate and since then the congregation, although contending against many difficulties, has been growing in numbers and for several years past has felt the need of more commodious quarters for worship. The pastor began the arrangements for the completion of the church edifice by the building of the audience room in front, and the work on this was begun April 1st, 1894, and is now completed, at a cost of \$15,000.

The dedicatory exercises were largely at-

tended. They began at 9 o'clock in the morning with the re-opening of the lecture rooms, which have been nicely refitted for the Sunday-school and prayer meeting services. At 10 o'clock the dedicatory services proper began in the auditorium, with a doxology by the large chorus choir and invocation by Pastor Zartman. The responsive reading was conducted by Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D., President of Heidelberg Theological Seminary, the Scriptures read by Rev. D. S. Fouse, Superintendent of Missions, prayer offered by Rev. J. P. Lloyd and "Nearer My God to Thee" sung by the choir, when the pastor introduced to the audience Rev. Dr. Van Horne, who delivered the dedicatory sermon. His discourse was a scholarly one, rich in thought and eloquent in its utterance, and was attentively listened to by the large audience present. At its close Mr. Frank E. Stouder rendered a bass solo, which was sung in a clear and artistic manner. Brief addresses were then delivered by Rev. C. M. Schaaf, of Louisville, Ky., and Rev. W. A. Hale, D. D., of Dayton, Ohio, after which voluntary offerings and pledges for paying for the building were taken.

In the afternoon a fraternal meeting was held at which Rev. Dr. Hale delivered the principal address. He was followed by a number of the pastors of the city who were present. The singing was by the Haydn and Linden Quartettes and the Grace Church Choir.

In the evening another large audience gathered at the church. The opening song service was the rendition of "The Heavens are Telling" from Haydn's "Creation" by a large chorus choir led by Frank Stouder, and assisted by Reineke's Orchestra. The production was given in a fine manner, and made the new church ring with melody. Prayer was offered by Dr. Kuelling, a selection sung by the Haydn Quartette and addresses delivered by Rev. Dr. Moffat, Rev. Schaaf and Rev. Dr. Hale. Voluntary

offerings were again received and the formal dedication of the new edifice then took place participated in by pastor and congregation.

The new edifice is a beautiful one, and as handsomely and conveniently arranged as any church of that city. The audience room is equipped throughout in modern style. The pulpit is on the east side of the church, the choir to the right and the seats for the audience are in a semi-circle on an inclined floor and arranged in such a manner that every member of the congregation is brought in close proximity to the pastor. There is a large balcony on the north side; the walls are handsomely frescoed and the windows are beautifully stained glass.

The main floor will seat 400 persons, the balcony 200, and the lecture room, which can be thrown open, 200 more, so that from 800 to 1000 people can be comfortably seated. The windows were all donated by families and the different societies of the church, and many of the pews were donated by friends abroad, and in the city, and families in the congregation. The pulpit was given by Mrs. C. Neireiter in memory of Henry Neireiter. The pulpit Bible was a present from L. W. Hills. The frescoing of the new church is handsome in its design.

The entire cost of the building, as stated above, was \$15,000. Free will offerings were solicited on the day of dedication, amounting to \$2,400, leaving a balance of less than \$5,000, which has not been provided for.

Our attention has been drawn to this congregation many times during the present pastorate, and we hail with delight the hopeful future of these earnest people in the work of the Master's vineyard—*The Christian World*.

THE new Grace Reformed Church, Fort Wayne, Ind., was dedicated April 21st. It was organized in 1883 with fifty members.

The lot was bought in 1883 for \$4,000. In 1884 the lecture-room was built for a little less than \$4,000. In 1889 a handsome parsonage was erected for \$2,125. The new auditorium has cost \$15,000. There is a debt of less than \$5,000. The lower part of the church will seat comfortably 400 persons, the balcony 200, and the lecture-room, which opens into the auditorium, 200 more, so that from 800 to 1000 can be accommodated. Mr. Zartman has had many adverse circumstances to contend with, and deserves great credit for the advance which has been made since 1888, when he assumed the pastorate. The history of this church is ample justification of the policy of our Home Mission Board in establishing churches in centers of population.—*Reformed Church Herald*.

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#### ADDED TO THE CHURCH.

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The following members were received into the church at our Communion Service May 5th: By confirmation, Georgia Smith, Grace Little, Lillie Kly, Anna Yeager, Nellie Rudisill, Carl Kessler, Venetia Lonergan, Grace Lonergan; baptism, and confirmation, Augusta Pratt, Lillie Johnson, Etta Pane, Lottie Theison, Charles Theison, Ethel Ainsworth, Clara Miller, Louis Bittenkopper; letter, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Frederick, Mrs. Louisa Wilkening. We cordially welcome these new members to the fellowship of the church and we trust they may all find a pleasant church home among us. Let us pray for them and help them in every way we can, to continue steadfast in their profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. We have the names of others who will come into the church at their earliest opportunity. Applicants may be received at any of our public services. We wish there might be accessions every Sabbath.

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Grace Church will celebrate its twelfth anniversary on Whit Sunday, June 2d. Every member of the church should be at the services on that day.

REV. J. H. ALBRIGHT, of Hudson, Ind., called at the parsonage Friday, May 10th. We were glad to see him and for his services at the funeral of Bro. Gumper. Bro. Albright is doing excellent work in his charge.

MR. AND MRS. W. D. PLATTER, donors of the Good Shepherd window in the new church were guests at the parsonage during the dedication. They are always welcome visitors with us.

THE Union Veteran Legion and the Anthony Wayne Post will attend Memorial Services at the Grace Reformed Church, Sabbath morning, May 26th. All the old soldiers who are not members of the posts, and their families and friends are invited to these services. We shall have room to accommodate 800 or more people if it will be necessary. So you can invite all your friends and no one will be crowded out. We hope to have very profitable services. No class of men are more deserving of honor than the Grand Army boys.—Let us entertain them royally when they come to our church services. Let us receive them with an ovation.

## ANNUAL EXCURSION.

The date for our excursion has been fixed for Tuesday, June 4th. This date may seem a little early, but it is right during the fishing season and moonlight at that. Trains leave the Pennsylvania depot at 3:20 A. M., 8:05 A. M. and 2:35 P. M. Excursionists can go on any of these trains. The tickets will be out in a short time and can be had from Chas. H. Gumper. Get a supply of tickets and sell them to your friends.

## SERMONS ON THE BOOK OF RUTH.

Sabbath evening, May 19th, the pastor will begin a series of sermons on the book of Ruth. Among the topics in the series will be the following:

1. Naomi, the wife, mother, mother-in-law and widow.
2. Ruth, the wife, daughter-in-law, and her devotion.
3. Orpha, her bereavement and her choice.
4. Boaz, the man of wealth and christian character.
5. Ruth gleaning after the reapers.
6. The marriage at Bethlehem.

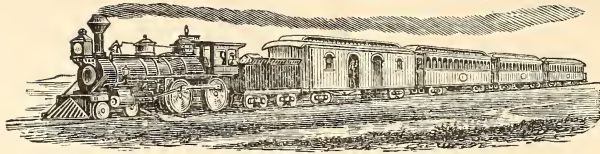
We find that a great many strangers are attending our services since we are worshipping in the new church. Let us not forget to show a proper spirit of courtesy and hospitality to these people. Let us receive them kindly and endeavor to make them feel at home with us. No stranger should be allowed to go away from the church without some one speaking to him and inviting him back to our services again. An effort should also be made to find out who these strangers are, where they reside and whether or not they have church homes. Remember the words of Paul, "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares."

## OBITUARY.

Mary Yenny died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Charles Segur, 312 E. Washington Street, Wednesday morning, April 10th. She was aged 49 years, 6 months and 29 days. She was born in Switzerland, and with her husband and family came to this country in 1867. For a year or more past she has been in poor health and for a greater part of the time has been in severe suffering. During her last illness she was especially in great distress. She endured her afflictions with a true spirit of christian resignation and found great comfort in committing herself into the care of Him who loved us and gave Himself a ransom for us. She had no fears of death, and felt fully assured that she was at peace with God. For two years past she has been a member of Grace Church, and when health permitted was always present at the services of the church. She leaves to mourn her death her husband, one son and three daughters. The funeral services were held at the church Friday afternoon, April 12th, after which the remains were laid away to rest in the Lindenwood Cemetery. May the Lord comfort these bereaved friends.

C. C. Gumpfer, residing at 241 Webster Street, departed this life at an early hour on Tuesday morning, May 7th. He was born at Mariatta, Pa., July 30th, 1833, and was aged at his death 61 years, 9 months and 7 days. For many years past he has not enjoyed good health, and at various times has passed through severe attacks of illness, when he himself had but little hope of recovery. During his recent sickness of several weeks prior to his death, it was not known to his family and friends that there was any danger of serious results. For several days before his death he was able to be out in his carriage and it was hoped he might soon again fully regain his usual strength and state of health. But in this

we were sadly disappointed. Death is sometimes waiting at our doors, when least expected by us. Mr. Gumpfer took suddenly worse on Monday afternoon, and was in intense suffering until about midnight, when he passed into a state of unconsciousness, which we supposed was the results of the medicines administered, but it was the sleep of death. He rested quietly until nearly morning when without a moment of warning to his family he took his last breath and the spirit was gone. How sad to realize that our friends may leave us without a moment's notice and without a word of parting. Truly, we know not the day nor the hour when the Lord shall come. During the night while in such intense suffering Mr. Gumpfer repeatedly told us there was no relief for him save the relief that the Lord could give him. His constant prayer was that the Lord might give him peace and rest, and his prayer was answered. He has gone to that rest which remains for the people of God. He was dedicated to the Lord in holy baptism in infancy, and at an early age made a public profession of faith. He had been a member of the Grace Reformed Church for nearly twelve years and always manifested a deep interest in her welfare. He took a great interest in the erection of the new church and was a member of the building committee; this office he filled with credit to himself and the church. He was highly esteemed in the church and in the city. He was a kind and affectionate husband and father, and warmly attached to his family and his friends. He leaves to mourn his death, his wife, one daughter and two sons, one brother and one sister. The funeral services were held at the church on Friday afternoon, May 10th, after which the remains were taken to the Lindenwood cemetery for burial, where they shall rest until the resurrection morning. This bereaved family and friends have our prayers and deepest sympathy in their sorrow. May the Lord comfort them.



## All Aboard for Rome City, Tuesday, June 4th, 1895.

HAVE you renewed your subscription to the VISITOR for '95? If not you should do so at once.

MRS. FRENCH is still improving and is now able to be in her chair and walk about the house. We hope she will continue to regain strength rapidly, and soon be able to be out to our services.

REV. ELIAS SPANGLER, of Edgerton, O., and Rev. L. B. Clayton, of Pulaski, Ohio, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Paulus during the dedication. They were both liberal contributors to the new church.

REV. DR. VANHORNE and Rev. Dr. Fouse were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Gumpfer during the dedication. Rev. C. M. Schaaf was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Gumpfer, and Rev. Dr. Hale was entertained at the home of Mrs. Ebey and Mr. and Mrs. Belot.

IF you are not supplied with a church hymn book, get one from our financial secretary C. H. Gumpfer. Every family should have one or more hymn books for use at home and church.—Those who have books should not forget to bring them along to our services.

MR. C. D. ALDINGER, of Butler, Pa., was in the city and attended the funeral of Mr. Gumpfer. We were very glad to meet this gentleman. He was a cousin and particular friend of Mr. Gumpfer. We find his name on our list among the contributors to the building fund of the new church.

MR. FAIRFIELD residing near Arcola, the father of Mrs. Zimmer, is quite ill. He has been confined to his room for three or four months. The pastor has been out to visit him several times, and found him and his wife very pleasant people. We hope he may soon recover from his illness and be able to be about again and enjoy his home.

MR. BODELL preached excellent sermons while with us during the revival meetings. We are only sorry that we could not have had him earlier in the season, and at a time when our people would not have been so tired out. Every person who was interested in the meetings feels that a mistake was made when he was not prevailed upon to remain for the second week's services. We hope however that at some future date he can return and assist us in our services.

THE twelfth anniversary of Grace Church will be celebrated June 2nd. The Church has much to be thankful for, the Lord has blessed us far beyond what we have deserved. This anniversary should be a day of special thanksgiving and let us make it such. It has been our custom heretofore to take up special offerings at our anniversary services, and we shall do so again this year. The financial secretary will in due time furnish every family with special envelopes for this day, and let every one bring an offering according as the Lord has blessed him.



## Sabbath School.

### SABBATH SCHOOL RECORD.

April 1,	Attendance	108,	Collection	\$ 5.88
" 14,	"	157	"	8.93
" 21,	"	147	"	22.44
" 28,	"	165	"	8.12
Total, - - -				577 \$45.37

The banner class for highest average attendance the first quarter was awarded the class taught by Miss Mary Rudisil. This class also keeps the banner for the best attendance during the month of April.

Six new scholars were enrolled during the month of April. Let us work to swell our attendance to an average of two hundred—and then when we have accomplished that, we will set the mark at two hundred and fifty.

MISS MAMIE STEMEN, our soprano singer, has gone to Kansas City with her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. C B. Stemen. We hope she may have a pleasant visit while in the West..

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**PRAYER MEETING TOPICS AND  
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May 19. The story of Pilate and its warnings. Matt. 27: 11-26. Alice Connnett.

May 26. Christ's Cross, My Cross. Mark 8:34-38. Lillie Walters.

June 2. A living Christ, Christ like living. Gal. 2: 19, 20; 5:22-25. Nellie French.

June 8. How to Study the Bible. Josh. 1:1-9. Mrs. Clayton.

June 16. The proof of our allegiance to Christ. 1 John 4:1-21. Mary Rudisil.

June 23. The World for Christ; Our Worlds for Christ. Acts 2:1-11 L. M. Hills.

A Christian Endeavor Society was organized in the Salem Reformed Church, north of the city, a few months ago. The Society has about twenty active members and is doing excellent work.

OUR choir, consisting of Mrs. Clayton, Miss Stemen, Mr. Stevers and Mr. King, have been rendering excellent music for us. Dr. Shrader has been very kind in assiting us upon different occasions.

□ Miss Ida Mast and Miss Lena Sauer, of Bluffton, were guests at the parish house during the recent Y. P. S. C. E. Convention. They are both very pleasant ladies, and their visit was very much enjoyed.

The District Convention of the Y. P. S. C. E. recently held in this city had a large attendance and a splendid programme was rendered. We regret that we could not attend more of the meetings. The next district convention will be held at Bluffton, a year hence.

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**FRUIT HOUSE PR**

~TEA.~

Little change since last report. The Chinese a-  
war has kept the market stiff, however no advance i-  
the market is an extensive one that, notwithstand-  
free shipments are arriving from both China and J-  
at these prices are much more economical than C-  
Tea will go twice as far as a 20c pound of Coffee. O-  
has grown to large proportions. We continue to  
prices. We purchase direct from the importers an-  
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